

CITYOFSIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 19, 2024
7 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Emmons, Garland, Hesse & McDowell, City Attorney Hays, City Attorney Brammell, City Administrator Eden, City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from March 4, 2024 regular city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented, on behalf of Human Rights Commission Board Member, Dana Presley, a request from the Human Rights Commission for financial funding for their upcoming fiscal year budget. **Commissioner Emmons made the motion to contribute \$750.00 to the Human Rights Commission budget. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson was not in attendance.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Chief Brummer to allow the Shelby County Sheriff's office access to the Simpsonville Police building on a limited basis, primarily for restrooms and the interview room. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed to explain the limitation and responsibility. **Commissioner Garland made a motion to allow SC Sheriff access to the Simpsonville Police building, as presented, and to authorize the Chief to sign the MOU. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Chief Brummer to purchase six Taser X2's for \$899 each from Accredited Security and twenty-five training cartridges for \$875 for a total of \$6,269.00, to be paid from the SPD Asset Forfeiture account. **Commissioner Garland made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission, for consideration, a request from Chief Brummer to get a quote for services to the SPD and two-story section. **Commissioner Garland made a motion to approve Chief Brummer to get quotes for the SPD and two-story. Commissioner Emmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) -

Commissioner Emmons presented the February Financial Reports. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept February financial reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from the Industrial Foundation for \$250 for 10 tickets to a luncheon Wednesday, April 3, 11:30am - 1pm at the Convention Center. **Commissioner Emmons made a motion to issue \$250 for 10 luncheon tickets. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder shared the following: Reminded the Commission to review the Police SOP's and prepare to approve at the April 1 meeting; Officer Johnson and Officer Saunders assisted with a house fire on Scotts Station Road and helped remove residents from the house.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays -

City Attorney Hays shared an update regarding the Library Board having a survey completed before the deed transfer and will let the Mayor know when the closing has been scheduled.

City Attorney Brammell -

City Attorney Brammell shared she is still working on the KU Franchise agreement and still waiting for signatures regarding the annexation.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared 15 unpaid 2023 property tax bills, totaling \$3,679. Bills not paid by the end of April will be turned over to the City Attorney for collection.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring of police officer, David Aikins, effective April 1, 2024, with 30 years of law enforcement experience at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police Officer Aikins effective April 1, 2024, at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to proceed with the hiring of police officer, Joseph Massey, effective April 1, 2024, with 17 years of law enforcement experience at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to hire Police Officer Massey effective April 1, 2024, at paygrade 10 of \$31.37 per hour. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the following: Discussed with our IT and Dept. Heads current need for Microsoft or Google, and our website; Code Enforcement, City Attorney Hays is needed to prepare an interlocal agreement; Police Station HVAC meeting rescheduled for this Friday; Huck's zone change was not challenged and now in effect; RSA, final report filing.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:57 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor